

May 12, 1972

Mrs. C. A. Buell  
(b) (6)  
Bremerton, WA

Dear Mrs. Buell:

We have been contacted by Mr. John Kingsbury, District Administrator for the Port Orchard District in regard to your recent inquiry concerning the removal of certain trees from an area near Pennsylvania Avenue, near the south shore of Port Washington Narrows.

We have reviewed this situation to determine whether or not these trees, which are apparently interfering with your view of the Narrows, are located on State land. It has been concluded that the trees are on upland property probably on the street and which is under the jurisdiction of the City of Bremerton.

Our reason for the above determination is promoted by the fact that the Inner harbor line of the State-owned harbor area is located either on the meander line or the line of ordinary high tide which is well below the bluff line of the abutting upland property. This fact was substantiated by the harbor area exhibit which is filed in the office under Harbor Area Lease No. 1920, Issued to the Socony Mobil Oil Company.

We are sorry that we are unable to assist you in this matter. However, we would suggest that you contact the office of the City Engineer concerning the possible location of these trees on Pennsylvania Avenue.

Should you have any question concerning any of the foregoing information, please contact this office.

Very truly yours,

BERT L. COLE  
Commissioner of Public Lands

A. N. HANSEN  
Surveys and Marine Land Management Division

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App. No. HA 1920 ✓  
cc: Port Orchard District

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